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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Ms. Renata B. Hesse:

I would like to go on record as opposing the proposed Microsoft settlement. I feel that the this "remedy" is, in fact, a license for Microsoft to continue monopolizing the market. The settlement has no substantial benefit to consumers, and does nothing to prevent Microsoft from continuing to exploit its current omnipotence in the computer industry.

Microsoft has repeatedly demonstrated its arrogant disregard for the laws of the United States, and the introduction of "licensing 6.0" and Windows XP demonstrate that, even at this critical moment, they have no intention of changing their ways.

To reiterate: this proposed settlement is far too weak to result in any change in Microsoft's monopolistic behavior. The harmful effects to the rest of the computer industry are incalculable; even free software will be seriously damaged, since the wording of the agreement explicitly excludes free software from even the limited protection afforded to other Microsoft competitors. This effectively frees Microsoft to go after the Linux operating system "hammer and tongs."

Please reject this token "remedy" and seek an agreement that provides real reparations for those harmed, and deterrents to prevent future harm.

Sincerely,

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